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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PRIMIN VISITS TUNIS

1. SUMMARY: OSMAN VISIT APPARENTLY ROUTINE COURTESY CALL WITH DISCUSSION ECONOMIC MATTERS. PRODUCED NO NEWS OTHER THAN CLARIFICATION THAT GOT SUPPORTS LIBERATION OF SPANISH SAHARA, BUT NOT RPT NOT MOROCCAN RIGHTS TO THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. MOROCCAN PRIMIN OSMAN VISITED TUNIS AUG 25-28 RETURN-ING GOT PRIMIN NOUIRA'S VISIT TO RABAT OF MARCH 1973. ACCOMPANYING OSMAN WERE MIN COMMERCE GHISSASSI, SECSTATE
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TO PRIMIN FOR PLAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TAIEB BEN

CHEIKH, SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION MOHAMED MAHJOUBI,
AND KAMEL LADHDAR, "CHARGE DE MISSION" FOR PRI MIN.

3. PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS GIVE IMPRESSION BULK OF VISITING
TEAM'S TIME TAKEN UP DISCUSSING BILATERAL ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL MATTERS, BUT NO CONCRETE RESULTS CITED.

4. GENERALLY UNINFORMATIVE JOINT COMMUNIQUE --

A. MENTIONS AGREEMENT TO STUDY STRENGTHENING
BILATERAL TRADE AND EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION;

B. EMPHASIZED NEED TO SURMOUNT OBSTACLES FACING
GREATER MAGHREB PROJECT, AND TO EXPLORE PROSPECTS FOR
SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH COULD SPEED UP PACE OF
BRINGING IT INTO BEING;

C. REAFFIRMS COMPLETE GOT/GOM AGREEMENT ON UNQUALI-
FIED SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ALONG WITH ACTIVE
SOLIDARITY IN ARAB
COUNTRIES FACING ZIONIST AGGRESSION;

D. TAKES STANDARD POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS TENSION IN
MED, ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY, INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU
AND FURTHER DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA, EURO-ARAB DIALOG
AND ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION.

5. RE SPANISH SAHARA, COMMUNIQUE STATES:

"THE TWO PARTIES DWELT WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON THE
QUESTIONS OF THE SAHARAN TERRITORIES UNDER SPANISH
ADMINISTRATION. THE MOROCCAN SIDE DECLARED ITSELF
FIRMLY ATTACHED TO ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO THESE
TERRITORIES AS CONSECRATED BY HISTORY AND BY INTER-
NATIONAL TREATIES.

"HAVING HEARD WITH UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY THE
EXPLANATION OF THE MOROCCAN SIDE FOLLOWING RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PROBLEM, THE TUNISIAN SIDE, CON-
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VINCED OF THE NECESSITY OF PUTTING AN END TO THE
COLONIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIME, RENEWS ITS SUPPORT FOR
THE EFFORTS OF MOROCCO TO LIBERATE THESE TERRITORIES."

6. COMMENT: IF THERE WAS ANYTHING CONCRETE ACCOMP-
LISHED BY OSMAN VISIT, IT DOES NOT APPEAR IN PUBLISHED
ACCOUNTS HERE. JOINT COMMUNIQUE'S HANDLING OF SPANISH
SAHARA SHOWS THAT OSMAN WAS DISAPPOINTED IF HE HOPED

OBTAIN GOT ENDORSEMENT OF MOROCCAN RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY, AS CONTRASTED WITH PUBLIC GOT POSITION IN FAVOR OF DECOLONIZATION AND ADHERENCE TO UN DECISIONS. HOWEVER, VISIT ON THE WHOLE PROBABLY CONSTITUTED FURTHER DEMONSTRATION, IN WAKE OF OFFICIAL VISITS EARLIER THIS YEAR, THAT GOT/GOM RELATIONS ARE ONCE AGAIN FRIENDLY AND NORMAL.
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